

## OOM PAUL IN EXILE

Final Scenes in the Long Career of President Kruger.

How the Pious Old Man Lives in the Little Town of Hilversum, Holland—His Spirit Not Crushed by Reverses.

The final scenes in the long and adventurous career of the ex-president of the South African republic, now on the point of absorption in the British dominion, are being enacted at a little town named Hilversum, in Holland. According to the latest advices, his end cannot be very far off, and one of the most remarkable men of the last century will disappear forever from the stage of human affairs. Mr. Kruger inhabits a small, two-story house, known as Casa Kara, similar in every way to the residence of the wealthy Dutch merchants, and of the usual type of country houses in Holland. There are grounds surrounding the building in which the president spends a good portion of each day.

Hilversum is a town of about 28,000 inhabitants, and is half an hour's ride by rail from Amsterdam. It is a favorite country residence of the Dutch, being very healthful and quiet. Oom Paul rises early, according to his lifelong custom, takes a cup of black coffee the first thing in the morning, and when dressed repairs to the garden, where he remains as a rule, till half past nine. During this time he goes through his mail, which has previously been classified for him by his private secretary. He always takes with him on these occasions his two inseparable companions, a large pipe and a large old-fashioned Bible with large metal clasps.

Although he knows the sacred books almost by heart, especially those of the Old Testament, and can always quote an appropriate passage from the Bible suitable for any given emergency, yet he, nevertheless, reads his Bible every day under the shade of a large tree in the pleasant grounds of the villa. At noon precisely, for Mr. Kruger is nothing if not methodical, he takes a cold



CASA KARA, HILVERSUM.  
(Mr. Kruger's Modest Home in One of the Oldest Dutch Towns.)

luncheon with his party, which, as a rule, consists of his nephew, Mr. Eloff, who is also his private secretary, and Mr. Van Roschoeten, ex-chief of the Transvaal ministry; Messrs. Beck van Ven and Breudel, who are in attendance on the aged ex-president. His faithful servant, Happe, and a Belgian physician, Dr. Heymans, always accompany him. The latter has forbidden him the use of any wine or liquors, his only drink being mineral water. After luncheon Mr. Kruger takes a siesta, which lasts till four o'clock in the afternoon. He then goes for a drive in a carriage bearing the former arms and escutcheon of the Transvaal, and returns to the house by six o'clock. It pleases the old man greatly to observe the general respect which he meets with from all classes of the public, and even the children strike up the Boer national anthem, which every one knows in Holland, as he passes by. He takes supper at half past six, and retires invariably at eight p. m.

His undaunted spirit does not appear to be crushed by the reverses which have overtaken his beloved country, and from time to time he observes: "We are strong as ever we were; we can continue this fight right along, and will never admit defeat," brave, but ill-considered expressions from the lips of this most remarkable old man whose name will undoubtedly drift down to the remotest posterity.

### The Anointing of Kings.

The question as to whether King Edward should be anointed at his coronation and if so what form the ceremony would take is bringing to light some interesting stories as to the way in which the rite was formerly performed. Edward VI., the last of the former Edwards, had a difficult time, more difficult than that of Richard Crookback, who was stripped to the waist. Edward VI. lay prostrate on the altar while Archbishop Cranmer rubbed his back snuff in the same way as wives rubbed embrocation on the backs of rheumatic husbands. In former days the holy oil with which the king was anointed was supposed to hedge him with divinity, so in those rough times it was natural that a king should hasten his coronation. Witches were forbidden to attend the ceremony.

### Prussia Religious Service.

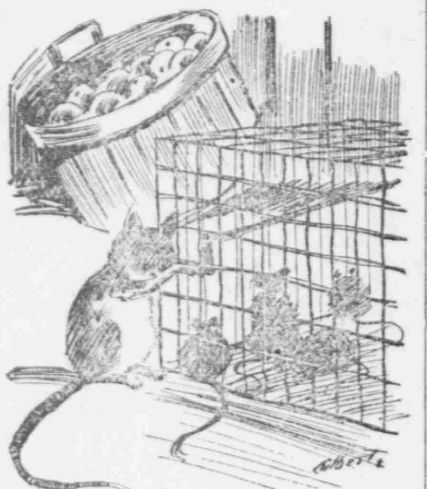
The Prussian prayer book enjoins that the whole of the service, including the sermon, shall not last above one hour.

## THE WISE OLD RAT.

He Scolded the Young Rats Who Got Caught, and Then Coolly Opened the Trap.

A man from Baring, Me., came into Calais lately and unfolded a rat story that has by unanimous consent been placed first in the local book of fact and fiction. Daniel Pike, who told the story, declared that it was true to the last word, and offered to go before a justice of the peace and make oath to that effect.

Mr. Pike had been bothered by rats in his barn, and after inspecting all the ancient and modern devices for the capture of rats, selected one of the wire-cage variety. The first morning after the trap had been set he went to



OPENED THE TRAP DOOR.

the barn and found it nearly full of half-grown rats, but not an old rat in the collection.

On the following morning he went out again, and found the same result. Thinking that the presence of the captives would attract others, he decided not to empty the trap for an hour or two, and went away.

When he came back the trap was empty. Pike was astonished, and asked the hired man about it, but the man declared that no one had been in the barn except himself, and that he had not touched the trap.

The next day and the next a like strange filling and emptying of the trap occurred, and Pike determined to keep watch to see how the thing was done. When the next batch of young rats had been caught he concealed himself in the barn loft and waited.

When he had been on watch about half an hour he saw a hoary old rat approach the trap and apparently begin a sort of cross-examination of the prisoners. Then, after satisfying himself as to the exact condition of things, the cute old rat, to the amazement of Pike, deliberately poked his paw between the wires of the cage and tilted up the weight that kept in place the little trap door through which his young friends and relatives had fallen.

This opened the trap door sufficiently to let all the prisoners out, and away they scampered, the old rat bringing up the rear, and all squeaking joyously. Farmer Pike sat for a minute speechless with amazement. Then he said, simply but energetically: "Well, I'll be hanged!" and climbed down.

## JUSTICE VERSUS LAW.

Pennsylvania Magistrate Orders Wives to Beat Their Husbands if They Abuse Them.

Alderman John F. Donohue, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., first won fame when he descended from his bench and soundly thrashed a man who had beaten his wife several times. He is ready to inflict similar punishment any time it is needed.

In his office, he says, justice reigns, even though the law always does



"YOU THRASH HIM HARD."

not. He believes that all the law in Blackstone fails to fit some of the cases which are brought before him. In passing upon the case of a young man arrested for wife beating (it was his first offense), he said:

"You go home and buy your wife a stout club—a pick-handle will do nicely. I command your wife every time you come home drunk and abusive, to take the club and lay it on you hard and often. Every time you swear at her she is to do the same thing; every time you refuse to bring in coal to her she will thrash you. And you, madam," turning to the tearful wife, "I insist that you obey me in this. You thrash him hard each time he does not act as a good, sober and industrious husband should. If he strikes back, you just let me know and he will be sorry he was born."

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### Treasures of the Aztecs.

Explorers in the neighborhood of Chama, Guatemala, have discovered treasures during their excavations in search of mines. Coins and jewels, decorating corpses buried centuries ago by the Aztecs and Montezumas, have been found. So far the valuables have amounted to over \$50,000. Workmen on the Chama plantations are wild, and have abandoned their usual work to hunt for buried treasures.

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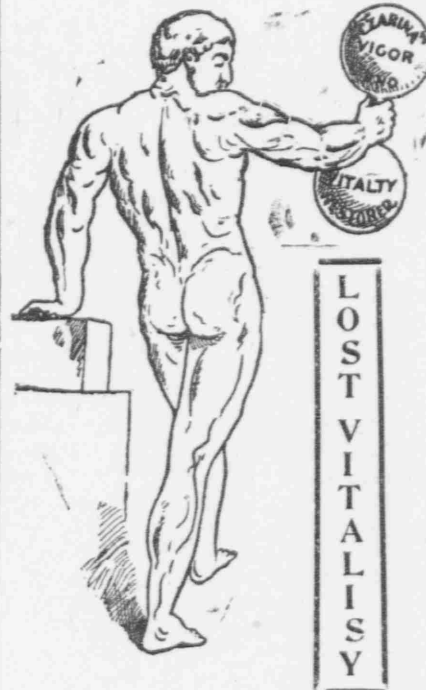
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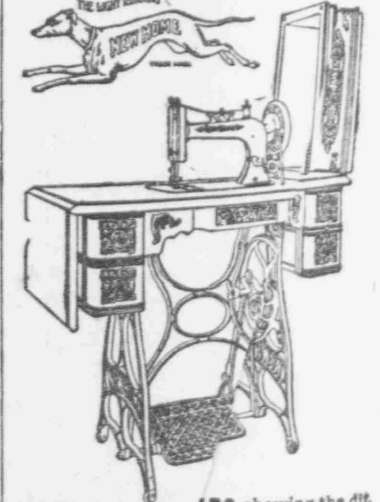
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